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In re Application of

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Serial No.:

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For:

CUTTING TOOLS AND ROUGHENED

ARTICLES USING SURFACE ROUGHENING METHODS

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

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Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2006-159388 appears to disclose roughening method, cutting tool and cylindrical member. This publication was cited against claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16 and 17 of the corresponding Japanese Patent Application.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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